

Tribal Program Newsletter

We will be known forever by the tracks we leave (Dakota)

Meetings and conferences

Oct. 3-11 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 61st Annual Session, Ft Lauderdale, FL

The theme for this year's NCAI Annual Session is "Renewing the Vision: Setting a New Course for Indian Country" and will focus on such issues as self determination, Native Vote 2004, and other important issues facing Indian Country. For additional information and to register, please go to:

http://www.ncai.org/main/pages/national_calendar/ncai_events.asp

Oct. 13-15 17th Annual Conference on Wildlife and Riparian Areas, Estes Park, CO

The conference focuses on wildlife use and impacts on riparian areas, and includes a field trip on Wednesday afternoon and one on Friday morning to Rocky Mountain National Park. Thursday, October 14 will be a day of speaker sessions. Topics include the effects of cattle grazing on nesting birds, Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse, beaver, and macroinvertebrates. For more information, please contact Jay Thompson at (303) 239-3724 or email jay_thompson@co.blm.gov

Oct. 21-22 Developing Tribal Utilities Conference, Minneapolis, MN

This conference provides an in-depth look at setting up tribal utilities for commercial enterprises as well as tribal facilities. Our faculty will provide practical information on structuring business arrangements with existing utilities; financing through bonds, taxes and other sources; grant opportunities; federal regulation and legislation that impacts tribal utilities; and converting existing transmission grids to tribal ownership. For details please call: (800) 854-8009 or contact:

<http://www.clenews.com/LSI/04/04tribmn.htm>

Oct. 21-24 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference, Austin, TX

The theme for this year's SACNAS National Conference is "Science and Science Policy: Constructing an Inclusive Paradigm." The conference will explore the link between current science policy issues and those communities most affected by them. For additional information, to register, or to apply for financial aid to attend, please visit:
<http://www.sacnas.org>

Oct. 25-26 Regional Tribal Operation Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA

The RTOC will meet at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate prior to the 12th Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference. For more information, contact Michele Dineyazhe at (415) 972-3786 or email:
dineyazhe.michele@epa.gov

Oct. 27-29 12th Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference, San Francisco, CA

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate. It will be hosted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. All forms may be obtained by calling Lela Leyva, Conference Coordinator, (775) 574-1000 ext. 245; Fax (775) 574-1008; llevya@plpt.nsn.us or visit the Web site at:
<http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/index.html>

The following grant-related session will be especially useful for tribal leaders, managers, and staff who do not have any, or have had very little, exposure to EPA grants:

Basic grant requirements - overview

EPA Grants Management Office will provide an overview of EPA administrative and financial grant requirements, focusing on application and budgeting processes, grant awards, requesting payments and rebudgeting, financial reporting, and grant closeout requirements.

The following two sessions will provide detailed information on various grant issues and requirements, and will be especially useful for those tribal leaders, managers, and staff who currently work with EPA grants:

Grant updates/developments

EPA Grants Management and Accounting Offices will discuss recently emphasized and/or recently issued grant requirements and/or policies

which may affect your grants, grant closeout policy, the automated standard application for payments (ASAP), indirect costs, etc.

Common grant issues - on-site visits

EPA Grants Management and Accounting Offices will discuss administrative and financial system questions most often asked by grant recipients during EPA grant on-site visits. This session will also include a tribal fiscal representative who will share some of her accounting system experiences. This session will provide tips on how to meet grant administrative and financial system requirements and will include topics such as documentation and tracking of personnel time and cost share/match costs, contracting, purchasing, and record keeping requirements and setting up systems.

Dec. 5-8 2004 Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA

The theme for this year's SRA Annual Meeting is "Risk Analysis: The Profession and the Future." For more information, please go to: http://www.sra.org/events_2004_meeting.php.

Dec. 6-10 First National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration, Lake Buena Vista, FL

The conference will enable national and international information exchange on issues involved in landscape-scale ecosystem restoration. Scientists and managers involved in restoration efforts across the country are encouraged to submit abstracts describing their projects. For additional information and to register, please visit: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ecosystem/>

Oct. 2005 13th Tribal/EPA Conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Training

Oct. 5-7 GPS Introduction for Conservation Professionals Shepherdstown, WVA

Classes will be held at the Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) near Washington, DC. Funding covers tuition and per diem. Air fare and rental car must be provided by participant. For application information, contact Bonnie Gallahan, the USGS/FGDC Training and Education Coordinator/Tribal Liaison at bgallahan@usgs.gov or (703) 648-6084.

Dec. 6-10 Mitigation for Tribal Officials, Emmitsburg, MD

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers a one week course on the "Mitigation for Tribal Officials". This course provides an overview of FEMA's mitigation programs, including hazard mitigation planning, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and our mitigation grant programs (Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program). Candidates for this course should have some familiarity with FEMA in terms of our overall programs. The course is limited to tribal members representing tribes. The application deadline must be 30-days prior to training date; therefore, it is suggested that application be made to FEMA no later than 45 days prior to course offering (mid-October).

Course applicants should fill out a FEMA Form 75-5 (FEMA General Admissions Application) with the course code and title. Please email Dawn Warehime at dawn.warehime@dhs.gov or call her at (301) 447-1309 for forms and information. Or, visit the FEMA Web site at: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/enrollpp.asp>

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Oct. 4-8 Air Quality Computations, Level 1, Las Vegas, NV

Oct. 19-22 Tribal Residential Indoor Air Quality (Level 1), Albuquerque, NM

Oct. 25-29 Air Pollution Technology (TECH), Level 2, Las Vegas, NV

The above courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information, call (702) 784-8264; Fax (702) 784-8261 or email: <http://www.nau.edu/tams>

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Environmental radiation monitoring training for tribes, Las Vegas, NV

This course will assist tribes that are dealing with impact from activities that may result in radiation emissions. These may be impacts from mining, milling, nuclear power production, nuclear waste storage, nuclear research, or any other impact that includes the potential of radiation emissions. Funding from U.S. EPA will provide full participant support for lodging and travel. Also, U.S. EPA will compensate tribal

instructors that help develop or teach the course. If interested, please contact Mansel A. Nelson, (928) 523-1275 or email mansel.nelson@nau.edu or <http://www.nau.edu.eeop>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for October 2004 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 (505) 281-9844 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. NETI is also advertising some EPA regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. October classes of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training are now available. A catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you free of charge. Go to <http://www.netionline.com/> and register as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online, and start class in your own office!

Environmental hazard assessment in Indian country

This course is presented by volunteers working with Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project. This free course is presented upon request and will come to you. Participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace and community. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617-384-8687) or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Grants and loans

FY 2005 Proposal guidelines for Brownfields assessment

EPA is now accepting proposals for Brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants. Applications for grants are due November. 12

Brownfields assessment grants, funded at up to \$200,000 each over two years, provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to contaminated sites. An applicant may request a waiver of the \$200,000 limit and obtain funding up to \$350,000 based on the anticipated level of contamination, size, or ownership status of the site. These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

The revolving loan fund grants, each funded up to \$1 million over five years, provide resources for grant recipients to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide sub grants to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfield sites owned by the sub grant recipient. These grants require a 20 percent cost share, which may be in the form of a contribution of money, labor, material, or services from a non-federal source. If the cost share is in the form of contribution of labor, material, or other services, it must be incurred for an eligible and allowable cost under the grant and not for ineligible costs. An applicant may request a waiver of the 20 percent cost share requirement based on hardship. For more information on EPA's Brownfields Program visit: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

2004 Water use efficiency (WUE)

The 2004 WUE Proposal Solicitation Package is available for tribes interested in submitting a proposal. There are two parts, Section A and Section B. Section A refers to Agricultural and Urban WUE implementation projects (tribes who have identified 319 implementation projects are encouraged to apply). Section B is for Research and Development; Feasibility Studies, Pilot, or Demonstration Projects; Training, Education or Public Information: Technical Assistance. If your tribe is interested in learning more about the WUE proposal, please download an electronic copy of this solicitation package from the following Web site: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>
For more information, contact: Debra Gonzalez (916) 651-7026, or debrag@water.ca.gov

Drinking water tribal set-aside solicitation

U.S. EPA is soliciting proposals from tribes in Region 9 under the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program. This program provides the opportunity for tribes in Region 9 (California, Arizona, and Nevada) to obtain EPA grants for improvements to public water systems (PWS). The funding will be used to address the most significant public health threats posed by inadequate public drinking water system infrastructure. The new arsenic standard of 10 ppb takes effect in January 2006 so all systems with arsenic levels at 10 ppb or higher should be in the planning process to determine what method they will implement to achieve the new standard. When submitting proposals, applicants can request assistance for a feasibility study or, if a study has already been completed, for construction funding. Project proposal forms (and feasibility studies if applicable) must be postmarked by October 22, 2004. The solicitation is available on the EPA Region 9 Grants Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwtsa.html>
For more information, please contact your EPA PWS program manager or call Sara Jacobs at (415) 972-3564.

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program is seeking to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <https://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877/408-9310.

CALFED ecosystem restoration program

The CALFED Bay-Delta requests proposals for programs and projects to monitor and evaluate ecosystem restoration actions previously funded by the CALFED ecosystem restoration program or by Central Valley Project Improvement Act programs. The proposal solicitation package can be downloaded from <http://calwater.ca.gov> and is due by 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, November 19, 2004. Complete proposals must be filed electronically on the Internet at <https://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov>. Proposals received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Information about other CALFED program proposal solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsub-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

Miscellaneous items

Vacancy announcement

The Ewiiapayp Tribal Office in Alpine, CA has an opening for a bookkeeper. For more information, please call Willie Micklin or Linda Fong (619) 445-6325, or email wmicklin@leaningrock.net

Community health air pollution information system (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are more understandable and more visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Disaster and Recovery Planning Book

The key to understanding the complexities of disaster preparedness and business continuity lies in focusing upon the issue of prevention, or mitigation. The completely revised third edition of this best-selling reference speaks to the issues of prevention, as well as "controlling" the effects of a disaster on a company's operations. Critical areas covered include contingency planning, loss prevention, facility evacuation, employee training, chain of command, checklists, computer and data protection, bomb threat response, standby power, self-inspection, and more. Topics added or expanded in this edition include workplace violence, regulatory influence including the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and effective mitigation strategies, and managing the disaster and recovery effort. Also discussed in depth is the role of the media to provide the facility manager with a framework for enlisting the media's assistance in recovery planning. Every facility should have a copy of this important reference on hand. This book is \$98.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling. For more information, please call: (303) 369-3533 or email info@energypromotion.net

Web sites for tribal programs and other EPA programs:

EPA Region 9

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

American Indian Environmental Office (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/indian>

Office of Compliance (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance>

National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse

<http://www.epa.gov/clearinghouse>

Pollution Prevention and Environmental Management

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/>

Tribal Court Clearinghouse

<http://www.tribal-institute.org>

National Tribal Environmental Council

<http://www.ntec.org/>

Federal Indian Law Handbook

<http://www.thorpe.ou.edu/cohen.html>

National Tribal Justice Resource Center

<http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/>

National Congress of American Indians
<http://www.ncai.org>

Center for Disease Control
<http://www.cdc.gov>

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
<http://www.itcaonline.com/>

National Water Program Strategic Plan 2004 - 2008 and National Program Guidance for 2005
<http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan/index.html>

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